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 St Vincent Place S
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My dear Andrew
 I am only
 writing you a short letter
 on this occasion, my
 principal object in which is
 to tell you that in whatever
 holiday I can manage to
 get I shall not be visiting
 Tasmania this time. I know
 you will not consider that in
 arriving at this resolution
 my affection for Hobart and
 the tried friends I have there
 has suffered diminution, and
 as I have loved you Willie
 I can trust your friendship

for all this. If I can
get away for a reasonable
time I shall run round
to Sydney, and try and find
my way to the Blue
Mountains - This winter
has been a trying one
for me, and I have at
times been in very bad
health - I have noticed that
the hotter the weather is
the better I find myself,
so the prospect of hotter
weather, combined with a
complete change of scene
would appear beneficial to
me - Walter would not
go to Hobart this time,
but I think from what
I said to him the other

day I could prevail
upon him to go to
Sydney with me.

I congratulate you
on the remarkably fine
verdict you got in
Willings' case - a result
which was enhanced
from the fact that
you had the worthy
JSD against you.

I have to thank you
very much for the attention
you bestowed upon Burns;
he was much gratified with
it and his trip generally.
I know nothing of Blake
JP, and as Lamb and of

somebody he didn't know
whom a lady praised
very highly in his presence
"I damn him at a
venture".

I shall be writing you
again before Imas as also
Mr Clark to whom I wish
you to present my best
regards, and thanks for her
last kind letter, which made
my lack of announcing
my absence at Imas so
much harder for me.

With love and kisses
for the children

Believe me,
Dear Andrew
Always affectionately
Yours
J. G. W. M.